MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the Government have any more love for fresh giraffes?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI ((*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no special love for giraffe, but they may consider the purchase of one or two giraffes.

PRESIDENT: Government love all animals alike.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from Government whether the cut branches of the trees were far higher than the giraffe?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Purchase of Giraffes.

56. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government had recently ordered for two giraffes for our menagerie;

(*b*) whether the order booked has been carried out; and

(*c*) what expenditure, if any, has been incurred by Government in that transaction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; the animals died during the voyage;

(*c*) The final accounts from the Banks, Transport Agents, etc., have not yet been received.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether Government will have to meet any cost at all in case the giraffe was not landed at Bombay alive?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had already remitted the price of the giraffes. They were insured and Government could get back the money from the Insurance Company.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether these animals were insured?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; they were insured and the money paid is quite safe.

Applications for Agricultural loans.

57. *MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are applications for agricultural loans pending with the Kartikapalli Tahsildar;

(*b*) if so, the number of such applications; and

(*c*) how old the earliest of such applications is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 20.

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(*c*) The earliest of such applications was filed on 2-1-1109.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*) : May I know from the member where the applications are now pending ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The application filed on 2-1-1109 is pending in the Division office for final sanction. Out of the 20, six have been disposed of, five were received only in Mithunam 1109. Some are waiting for clearance of encumbrances and the rest are in correspondence with the Division office.

Extension of Railway to Ernakulam.

58. ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the cost to Government of the survey of the Railway lines proposed to be opened from (i) Quilon to Ernakulam, and (ii) Mavelikara to Alleppey ;

(*b*) whether they have taken any further action in the matter of making the above Railway extensions ; and

(*c*) whether they have raised any debenture loan for the purpose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) Rs. 1,46,269-1-6 for the Quilon-Ernakulam line.

(ii) The line from Mavelikara to Alleppey is a part of the project from Mavelikara to Cochin. The cost of the survey from Mavelikara to Cochin is Rs. 29,635-20-8. Separate figures are not available for the portion from Mavelikara to Alleppey.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Survey of the Quilon—Ernakulam Railway line.

59. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) ths cost incurred by Government for the survey of the Railway line from Quilon to Ernakulam ;

(*b*) the year when the survey was finished ;

(*c*) when the survey was started, whether it was not the idea of the Government to start the construction of the line soon after the survey was completed ;

(*d*) whether a communique was issued stating that priority will be given to this line over other lines contemplated for construction ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for not starting this work as yet ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 1,46,269-1-6.

(*b*) 1102.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

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